

**283—14.3(261) Tuition scholarship.**

**14.3(1) *Student eligibility.*** A third year student at the university who agrees to practice in an eligible rural Iowa community shall be eligible for a tuition scholarship. The tuition scholarship is renewable for one year. A student who receives a tuition scholarship shall not be eligible for the physician loan repayment program.

**14.3(2) *Selection criteria.*** Recipients shall be selected by officials at the university.

**14.3(3) *Renewal.*** To be eligible for renewal of the tuition scholarship, a student must advance to the fourth year of study and be in good academic standing.

**14.3(4) *Award amount.*** The tuition scholarship shall be for an amount not to exceed the annual tuition at the university.

**14.3(5) *Physician service requirement.*** The physician service requirement for the tuition scholarship is one year for each year that a recipient receives the scholarship.

**14.3(6) *Disbursement of scholarship.***

*a.* The full amount of the scholarship will be disbursed to the university upon receipt of certification from the university that the scholarship recipient is enrolled and in good standing.

*b.* The university will apply the scholarship funds to the student's tuition account.

*c.* If the student withdraws from the university and is entitled to a refund of tuition and fees, the pro-rata share of the refund attributable to the tuition scholarship shall be refunded to the commission.

**14.3(7) *Repayment.***

*a.* A student shall repay the tuition scholarship plus interest at 12 percent per annum to the commission if the student fails to:

(1) Complete a residency program after graduation from the university.

(2) Practice in an eligible rural community.

(3) Annually certify employment in an eligible rural community.

*b.* The scholarship shall be paid in full within three years from the date of failure to comply with the terms of the scholarship.

**14.3(8) *Restrictions.*** A student who is in default on a Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for a tuition scholarship. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5, Iowa Administrative Code.